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Brian J. Richart
Chief Probation Officer

March 10, 2016

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director
Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Senate Bill 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities Project
El Dorado County's Request for Time Extension and Scope Change

Dear Ms. Howard:

At the April 9, 2015 BSCC meeting, El Dorado County received a conditional award of \$9.6 million through the SB 81 Program, round two grant process. The County's application listed the proposed scope of work as "Construct a replacement 40-bed podular juvenile detention facility with space for medical and mental health treatment, programming, education, and rehabilitative treatment programs to both pre-and post-adjudicated youthful offenders in Placerville at a project cost of \$20,871,000. Recent juvenile justice statistics show a stabilized decrease in the population of detained youth housed within both juvenile detention facilities operated by the County. Specifically, the Placerville Juvenile Hall has demonstrated over the last two years an average daily population of approximately fifteen youth and between our two facilities a population under twenty-eight. This sustained decrease in population appears due to an overall decrease in arrests countywide and changes to juvenile justice policy within the Probation Department. El Dorado County has re-validated the projected need based on metrics from May 2014 through February 2016. Given the lower monthly average daily population the County is proposing to change the scope of the initial project from completion of a forty bed facility to a twenty bed facility.

El Dorado County formally requests the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) consider at the April 14, 2016 BSCC Board meeting approval of a proposed scope reduction of the approved SB 81 - Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities Program Project to reduce the initial number of constructed replacement beds from forty to twenty and a time extension to submit required documents to BSCC for Project Establishment.

This proposed scope change has been approved in concept by the County leadership team. The County Board of Supervisors will receive a request for a revised resolution directing County leadership to pursue this course of action with the BSCC. The County understands its conditional award will not be adjusted as a result of the proposed change and is confident the funds required in excess of the grant award to complete the project as proposed will be available.

Presuming the County receives approval from the BSCC to amend the project, we will submit revised scoping documents, including a budget summary table and project timetable. We anticipate securing a consultant to advise us on the development of all required documents and submitting the required project establishment documentation to BSCC by October 1, 2016.

Sincerely and with my Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Richart".

Brian Richart
Chief Probation Officer

cc: Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Presiding Judge
Hon. James Bailey, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge
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